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SUBJECT:EC-US ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTATIONS JUNE 27-28, 1977

REFERENCE: STATE 144275

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: US-EC ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTATIONS PROVIDED EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND VIEWS ON A VARIETY OF ISSUES. AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON FUTURE COOPERATION IN SEVERAL AREAS. TOPIC OF GREATEST INTEREST TO EC WAS US TOXIC SUBSTANCES ACT (TSCA) AND PLANS WERE MADE FOR FURTHER EPA-EC CONSULTATIONS ON TSCA IN OCTOBER. END SUMMARY.

2. EC COMMISSION WAS REPRESENTED BY: CARPENTIER (JUNE 27 ONLY), ZITO, HUDSON, HUNTER, SCHAEFFER (JUNE 27 ONLY), STUFFMAN (JUNE 28 ONLY), SMEETS AND DEL BINO; PLUS GOPPEL OF EC WASHINGTON OFFICE. US REPS INCLUDED: L. GRANT, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR ENVIRONMENT AND POPULATION AFFAIRS; K. HARPER, EPA ACTING ASSOCIATE ADMINISTRATOR FOR INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES; L. TALBOT, SENIOR ADVISOR TO THE CHAIRMAN FOR INTERNATIONAL AND SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS, CEQ; AND APPROPRIATE EXPERTS. EPA DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR BLUM WAS UNABLE TO PARTICIPATE AS SCHEDULED BUT DID ATTEND LUNCHEON.

3. CARPENTIER REVIEWED 17 MAY 77 NEW EC ACTION PROGRAM FOR ENVIRONMENT, DEFINING DUTIES AND TASKS, AND 14 JUNE ENVIRONMENT MINISTERIAL MEETING. CARPENTIER PRESENTED EC'S POLICIES, EMPHASIZING THAT AREA OF GREATEST IMPORTANCE TO ALL MEMBERS IS WATER, ON WHICH MEMBERS FEEL SOMETHING SHOULD BE DONE AT COMMUNITY LEVEL. LEE TALBOT (CEQ) SPOKE UNCLASSIFIED

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ON PRESIDENT'S 1977 ENVIRONMENTAL MESSAGE(A-2666). EC ALSO PROVIDED COPIES OF FIRST REPORT ON THE STATE OF THE ENVIRONMENT.

4. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT: CARPENTIER POINTED OUT THAT EC WORKING "BACKWARD" FROM U.S. ON ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION, WITH OVERALL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT DIRECTIVES FIRST FILTERING DOWN RATHER THAN LOCAL ACTION RESULTING IN BROAD LEGISLATION. EC, HE STATED, HAS NEITHER THE LEGAL AVENUES NOR THE PUBLIC PRESSURE PRESENT IN THE U.S. EC IS WORKING TOWARD AN ENVIRONMENTAL DIRECTIVE ON IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR END OF NEXT YEAR.

5. TOXIC SUBSTANCES: EPA'S ACTING ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR TOXIC SUBSTANCES OUTLINED POLICIES IMPLICIT IN TSCA AND EXPLAINED ITS MAJOR SECTIONS. I. EUGENE WALLIN, U.S. DELEGATE TO RECENT OECD CHEMICALS MEETING, ANSWERED EC CONCERNS ON TSCA. CHIEF AMONG THESE: CONCERN WITH THE PRE-MARKET NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE AND 90-DAY DELAY, THE DEFINITION OF MANUFACTURER AS IMPORTER, TESTING PROCEDURES, AND DEFINITION OF SMALL BUSINESS. EC FORMALLY SUGGESTED FURTHER CONSULTATION ON THE MATTER, OCTOBER 3-5. COMMISSION

WILL INVITE EXPERTS FROM 9 EC MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE. EPA ACCEPTED INVITATION CONTINGENT ON APPROVAL OF NEW EPA ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR TOXIC SUBSTANCES WHO MIGHT ATTEND MEETING. BY 15 AUG BOTH SIDES HOPE TO HAVE PRE-MEETING DOCUMENTS READY FOR REVIEW. THE EC WOULD LIKE TO HARMONIZE THEIR EFFORTS AT DRAFT DIRECTIVE ESTABLISHING A PREMARKET NOTIFICATION SCHEME WITH US TSCA DEVELOPMENTS. US CAN EXPECT OCTOBER MEETING TO CONCENTRATE ON THESE AREAS OF EC-US CONCERN: PREMARKET NOTIFICATION, STANDARDIZING OF CERTAIN TEST PROCEDURES, AND CONFIDENTIALITY OF DATA.

6. OIL SPILLS - PRESENTATION ON STATE OF THE ART TECHNOLOGY BY EPA AND COAST GUARD. CARPENTIER ASKED FOR FURTHER TECHNICAL INFORMATION ON DISPERSANT CHEMICALS AND UNCLASSIFIED

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PHYSICAL CLEAN-UP METHODS. EC ASKED TO SEND REP TO US FOR FURTHER CONSULTATIONS ON THIS. THE INCINERATION OF HERVICIDE ORANGE MENTIONED IN THIS DISCUSSION. FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE PROCESS REQUESTED BY EC.

7. PRESENTATION ON ENDANGERED SPECIES, CENTERING AROUND DEVELOPMENTS IN TRYING TO IMPLEMENT WASHINGTON CONVENTION. THOUGH EC HAS NOT JOINED THE WASHINGTON CONVENTION, THE EC HOPES TO PUT FORTH THE NECESSARY JURIDICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MECHANISMS TO IMPLEMENT THE CONVENTION BY NEXT SPRING, AND WILL ENCOURAGE ALL MEMBERS TO RATIFY THE CONVENTION. EC AND US MAY COMMUNICATE PRIOR TO THIS FALL'S GENEVA MEETING IN ORDER TO RAISE COMMON CONCERNS AND PERHAPS TAKE COMMON POSITIONS ON SOME ISSUES.

8. FUTURE COOPERATION: CONFERENCE WAS VERY SUCCESSFUL IN PRESENTING U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY AND OBTAINING CORRESPONDING EC VIEWS. IN THE COURSE OF THE CONSULTATIONS, IT WAS AGREED THAT THE EC WOULD SEND AN EXPERT TO STUDY U.S. OIL SPILL PRACTICES AND THAT EC COMMISSIONER NATALI MIGHT VISIT THE U.S. SOMETIME THIS FALL. EPA AND EC WILL PARTICIPATE IN A REVIEW OF THE JOINTLY-FUNDED ISOTOPIC LEAD STUDY LATER THIS YEAR. CORRESPONDANCE WILL BEGIN SOON ON THE OCTOBER 3-5 MEETING ON TOXIC SUBSTANCES. REQUEST MISSION VERIFY WITH EC THAT RESULTS OF OCTOBER DISCUSSIONS WILL BE REPORTED TO NEXT MEETING OF OECD CHEMICALS GROUP, ACCORDING TO LATEST CHEMICAL GROUP PROCEDURES. U.S. WAS ALSO INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN A REVIEW OF THE EC INTERLABORATORY COMPARISON PROGRAM ON EVALUATION OF TOXICOLOGICAL TESTS, ALSO THIS FALL. EC SUGGESTED THE NEXT EC-US ENVIRONMENT PLENARY BE HELD IN EUROPE IN JANUARY 1977 OR JULY. AGENDA AND TIME TO BE SET LATER THIS UNCLASSIFIED

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